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COLLEGE ADMISSION RESOURCES

Current Trends/Issues in College Admissions, Individual Colleges, and Financial Aid: Head Start College Blog: <u>www.headstartcollege.com/blog</u>

College Search Sites with Data on Individual Schools, Majors and More: U.S. News & World Report: The Ultimate Guide <u>www.usnews.com</u> Princeton Review: Complete Book of Colleges. Reviews 1776 colleges. <u>www.princetonreview.com</u>

Online College Applications:

www.commonapp.org Common Application schools. www.universalcollegeapp.com Universal Application schools. www.universityofcaliforniaadmissions.com University of California www.csumentor.com California State Universities

Objective Factual Data on Two-Year Colleges: Peterson's Two-Year Colleges (2007)

Subjective Opinions of schools with Objective Factual Data on Colleges :

Fiske Guide to Colleges . Reviews 300 colleges.

The Insider's Guide to the Colleges by Yale Daily News. (excellent insight) Students review individual colleges in all categories including professors www.studentssurvey.com

Kiplinger Private and Public "Best Value" rating top 100 of each http://www.kiplinger.com

Career / College Major Sites:

Rugg's Recommendations on the Colleges, Frederick E. Rugg; reviews each school for individual, strong majors. pdf format only. Purchase at http://www.ruggsrecommendations.com

Book of Majors, College Board: learn what you will take in college, high school, where you will work and what you will do.

Creative Colleges, Elaina Loveland

Actors, Artists, Dancers, Musicians and Writers

Financial Aid :

Meeting College Costs, College Board

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <u>http://www.fafsa.ed.gov</u> CSS Profile <u>http://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp</u> General Information:

Scholarship Scams http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/edcams/scholarship/index.html

Scholarship Search: I haven't found sites that helpful. But here are the two I hear the most about:

Fastweb <u>http://www.fastweb.com/</u> College Board Scholarship Search http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp

Learning Differences:

Peterson's Colleges for Students with Learning Disabilities or ADD Princeton Review: The K&W Guide to Colleges for Students with Learning

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Remote College Visits: (in addition to virtual tours on most college websites) <u>www.Collegiatechoice.com</u> (\$15 / campus tour on DVD) <u>www.theu.com</u> (box sets of colleges tours on DVD/ fee is in transition) www.campustours.com (free online tour produced by college)

Sports:

NCAA Guide for College-Bound Student-Athlete www.ncaaclearinghouse.net (must read rules)

www.ncsasports.com National Collegiate Scouting Association; the "Facebook" of college recruiting; get evaluated; post videos and academic/athletic resumes; review coaches listings for needed athletes.

The Sports Scholarships Insiders Guide by Don Wheeler (Contains listing of athletic programs offered at each school along with contact persons.) Peterson's Sports Scholarships & College Athletic Programs. (Includes current coach names.)

SAT Preparation:

Compass (One on One Program custom designed)

www.compassprep.com : 800-925-1250

Ivy West: (Private tutorial only) <u>www.lvyWest.com</u> 800-489-9378

Revolution Prep (One on One Program / classroom / combo as well www.revolutionprep.com; 877-738-7737

Princeton Review: (Private tutorial/classroom /online)<u>www.princetonreview.com</u>, 800-2Review

Elite: (classroom) <u>www.eliteprep.com</u> , 626-287-1245

Kaplan (Private tutorial / classroom / online)<u>www.kaptest.com/college</u> 800-KAPTEST College Board (Online)<u>www.collegeboard.com</u>

No Fee: Number 2 rated highly by Consumer's Report (9/06) www.Number2.com

Campus Diversity Stats and Resources:

www.asian.nation.com "Best" colleges for Asian students...comparing no. of Asian majors, Asian professors, Asian Student Organizations...also good reading list.

OUTSIDE Learning Opportunities:

<u>www.coolworks.com</u> Internships, Volunteer Opportunities US and Overseas / High School and College age year round jobs/internships/ volunteer positions in US and abroad.

Summer educational/community service trips (free research service to you) Tips on Trips: <u>www.tipsontripsandcamps.com</u>

LOCATION/LOCATION /LOCATION:

<u>www.city-data.com</u>annual rainfall, number of cloudy days, snowfall data, crime data, jobs, real estate values, mass transit, diversity and cultural opportunities.